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Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: **Gordon Stout et al.**

For: **POWDER FILLING APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR THEIR USE**

[X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:
Provisional Serial No. 60 / (not yet assigned), which was converted from 08/949,047/October 10, 1997, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference. A Petition to Convert the 08/949,047 application was filed on July 21, 1998.

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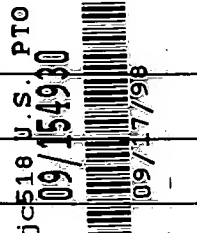
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